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Mid-February Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of February showed increases for feed barley, beef cattle, cows, calves, and steers and heifers. Prices decreased for all barley, malting barley, dry beans, potatoes, all wheat, and all milk. Prices were unchanged for alfalfa hay.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 133 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 6 points (4.3 percent) from January. U.S. producers received higher prices for cattle, oranges, onions, and sweet corn. Lower prices were received for corn, soybeans, lettuce, and eggs.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, Feb. 2009-Feb. 2010

			Idaho		United States				
Commodity	Unit	February January 2009 2010		February 2010 ^{1/}	February 2009	January	February		
an one		2009	2010	2010	2009	2010	Price 1/	% Parity	
CROPS:	m	174.00	107.00	107.00	1.41.00	112.00	111.00		
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	174.00	107.00	107.00	141.00	113.00	111.00		
Barley, All	Bu	4.58	5.24	5.15	4.99	4.73	4.25	42	
Feed	Bu	2.44	2.83	2.85	2.63	2.64	2.49		
Malting	Bu	4.95	5.39	5.35	5.54	4.91	4.45		
Dry Beans	Cwt	39.80	32.20	32.10	30.10	30.70	33.80	48	
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt	6.75	5.20	5.00	8.87	7.17	6.99	34	
Fresh 3/	Cwt	7.70	3.70		12.36	5.74			
Processing	Cwt	6.20	7.30		6.84	8.42			
Wheat, All	Bu	5.45	5.07	4.81	5.79	4.92	4.67	32	
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:									
Beef Cattle 4/	Cwt	74.00	76.90	80.80	78.90	82.10	84.40	34	
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt	40.80	47.70	52.40	43.60	47.90	50.50		
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	83.30	87.70	88.80	83.80	87.50	89.40		
Calves	Cwt	98.00	108.00	113.00	104.00	109.00	111.00	31	
Lambs	Cwt	95.00	90.00		100.00	102.00			
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt	10.50	14.60	14.50	11.60	16.10	15.90	38 7/	

^{1/} Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers & heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	January 2000	Eshmany 2000	Januar	February 2010	
	January 2009	February 2009	Preliminary	Revised	Preliminary
Prices Received	139	126	137	139	133
Prices Paid	180	179	183	184	185
Ratio 1/	77	70	75	76	72

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

Idaho Sheep Inventory Up 5 Percent

All sheep and lamb inventory in Idaho on January 1, 2010, totaled 220,000 head, up 10,000 head from the previous year. Breeding sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2010, totaled 180,000 head. Breeding ewes one year old and older totaled 150,000 head, up 2,000 head from January 1, 2009. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2010 totaled 40,000 head. The 2009 lamb crop of 195,000 head was up 5,000 head from 2008.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2010, totaled 5.63 million head, down 2 percent from 2009. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.19 million head on January 1, 2010, down 1 percent from 4.25 million head on January 1, 2009. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.34 million head, were 2 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2010, totaled 1.44 million head, down 4 percent from January 1, 2009. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-five percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 19 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 38 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total marketings. The 2009 lamb crop of 3.69 million head, was down 1 percent from 2008. The 2009 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2009, up 3 percent from 2008.

Sheep and Lambs: Inventory by Class, Selected States and U.S., January 1, 2009-2010

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State	Total Sheep		Market Sheep and Lambs		Breeding Sheep and Lambs						-	
					Total		Ewes 1+		Replacement Lambs		Lamb Crop 1/	
	2009 2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2008	2009	
		1,000 Head										
Arizona	150	160	60	65	90	95	75	75	9	14	47	50
California	660	610	315	290	345	320	290	263	45	45	230	250
Colorado	410	375	205	185	205	190	167	155	32	30	210	180
Idaho	210	220	32	40	178	180	148	150	25	25	190	195
Montana	255	255	25	20	230	235	180	188	43	39	235	235
Nevada	67	75	10	11	57	64	44	49	11	13	42	44
New Mexico	120	120	17	15	103	105	83	84	15	16	65	66
Oregon	220	225	70	71	150	154	121	121	22	25	157	156
Texas	870	830	210	180	660	650	520	510	100	105	360	385
Utah	290	290	30	30	260	260	220	215	31	36	230	230
Washington	53	60	10	12	43	48	35	38	6	7	53	55
Wyoming	420	375	95	75	325	300	260	240	55	51	260	255
U.S.	5,747	5,630	1,500	1,440	4,247	4,190	3,405	3,340	647	655	3,710	3,690

1/Lamb crop is defined as lambs born in the Eastern States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

Cold Storage

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on January 31, 2010, totaled 889 million pounds, up 5 percent from December 31, 2009, but down 5 percent from January 31, 2009. Other frozen potatoes, at 199 million pounds, increased 1 percent from December 31, 2009 stocks, but decreased 15 percent from January 31, 2009.

United States stocks of butter on January 31, 2010, totaled 170 million pounds, up 28 percent from December 31, 2009, but down 4 percent from January 31, 2009. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 595 million pounds, up 2 percent from December 31, 2009, and up 12 percent from January 31, 2009.

	Jan 31,	Dec 31,	Jan 31,	2010
Commodity	2009	2009	2010	2009
		1,000 Pound	s	Percent
POTATOES:				
French Fries	936,401	847,238	888,973	105
Other Frozen	234,619	196,607	198,890	101
TOTAL	1,171,020	1,043,845	1,087,863	104
DAIRY PRODUCTS:				
Butter	176,526	133,022	169,818	128
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	533,402	584,981	595,329	102

Idaho Sheep Industry Suffers \$3.84 Million Death and Theft Loss

Idaho sheep producers lost an estimated 28,000 head of sheep and lambs from all causes, valued at \$3.84 million, in 2009. This is an increase from sheep and lambs lost last year, at 26,000 head valued at \$3.50 million.

Predator losses at 28.9 percent, accounted for 8,100 losses worth a value of \$1.11 million. Coyotes did the most predator damage, at 5,400 head of sheep and lambs. Losses from coyotes alone were valued at \$740,000. Dogs claimed 400 head of sheep and lambs valued at \$55,000 while bears claimed 300 head valued at \$41,000. Wolves claimed 1,200 head of sheep and lambs, valued at \$164,000. Cougars killed 300 head, valued at \$41,000. Losses from other and unknown predators, including bobcats and eagles, accounted for an additional 500 head of sheep and lambs.

Non-predator losses accounted for 19,900 losses worth a value of \$2.73 million. Disease claimed 4,900 sheep and lambs in 2009 valued at \$671,000. Lambing complications claimed 3,700; weather killed 2,500 head; old age killed 1,700, poison killed 400 head, and 100 were killed by being on their back. Other causes such as accidents, fire, starvation and dehydration caused an additional 2,800 sheep and lamb deaths during 2009 while unknown causes claimed 3,800 head of sheep and lambs valued at \$521,000.

All Sheep and Lambs: Death Loss by Cause, Idaho, 2007-2009 1/

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G		Head	•000	Percent of Total Losses 2/					• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
Cause of Loss	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	
				Percent			1,000 Dollars			
Coyote	7,200	7,000	5,400	21.2	26.9	19.3	986	942	740	
Dog	600	400	400	1.8	1.5	1.4	82	54	55	
Bear	700	400	300	2.1	1.5	1.1	96	54	41	
Wolves	500	700	1,200	1.5	2.7	4.3	69	94	164	
Cougar	400	500	300	1.2	1.9	1.1	55	67	41	
Fox	100	0	0	0.3	0.0	0.0	14	0	0	
Other Animals ^{6/}	200	100	100	0.6	0.4	0.4	27	13	14	
Unknown Predators	1,500	1,500	400	4.4	5.8	1.4	206	202	55	
Total Predators	11,200	10,600	8,100	32.9	40.8	28.9	1,535	1,426	1,110	
Weather Conditions	3,000	2,600	2,500	8.8	10.0	8.9	411	350	343	
Disease	6,400	4,700	4,900	18.8	18.1	17.5	877	632	671	
Poison	800	200	400	2.4	0.8	1.4	110	27	55	
Lambing Complications	4,500	1,900	3,700	13.2	7.3	13.2	617	256	507	
Old Age	1,600	1,200	1,700	4.7	4.6	6.1	219	161	233	
Theft	200	100	0	0.6	0.4	0.0	27	13	0	
On Back	100	0	100	0.3	0.0	0.4	14	0	14	
Other Causes 7/	1,400	700	2,800	4.1	2.7	10.0	192	94	384	
Unknown Causes 8/	4,800	4,000	3,800	14.1	15.4	13.6	658	538	521	
TOTAL	34,000	26,000	28,000	100.0	100.0	100.0	4,660	3,497	3,838	

1/ Includes lamb deaths before docking of 13,000 in 2007, 10,000 in 2008, and 11,000 in 2009. 2/ Percentages may not add due to rounding. 3/ Based on average of beginning year and end of year value of head: 2007 - \$137.00, 2008 - \$134.50, and 2009 - \$137.00. 4/ Rounded to nearest 1,000 dollars, 5/ Dollar values were rounded to add to total. 6/ Includes bobcats and eagles. 7/ Includes accidents, fire, starvation, dehydration, etc. 8/ Exact cause of death unidentifiable. May include some predator loss.

Idaho Wool Production

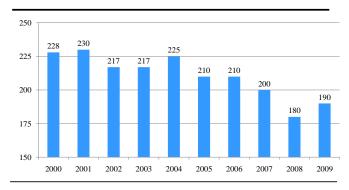
Idaho wool production in 2009 totaled 1.79 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year. The number of sheep shorn, at 190,000 head, was up 6 percent from a year ago. The average weight per fleece in 2009 was 9.4 pounds, down 0.1 pounds from 2008.

The total value of 2009 Idaho wool production was 1.48 million dollars, compared to 1.95 million dollars in 2008. The average price received per pound was \$0.83, down 31 cents per pound from 2008.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2009 was 30.9 million pounds, down 6 percent from 2008. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.20 million head, down 5 percent from 2008. The average price paid for wool sold in 2009 was \$0.79 per pound for total value of 24.4 million dollars, down 25 percent from 32.5 million dollars in 2008.

SHEEP SHORN

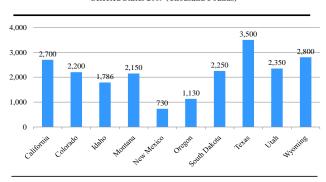
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WOOL PRODUCTION

Selected States 2009 (Thousand Pounds)



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